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In the Specification:

On page 1, prior to line 5, please insert the following heading and paragraph:

--Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is for entry into the U.S. national phase under §371 for International Application No. PCT/IB03/004421 having an international filing date of October 8, 2003, and from which priority is claimed under all applicable sections of Title 35 of the United States Code including, but not limited to, Sections 120, 363 and 365(c).--

On page 14, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 13 as follows:

-- Further, the processing can be carried out advantageously in a multi-processor system in one or more processes. Figure ~~[[3]]~~ 4 presents such a multi-processor system 5. The system 5 comprises again a plurality of audio processing components 51, 52, 53, which correspond basically to the components 11, 12, 13 of figure 1. Each of the components 51, 52, 53 in figure 5, however, is connected on the one hand to a real-time processor 56 and on the other hand to a control processor 57. The real-time processor 56 is a dedicated processor for running the real-time functions 54 of the components 51, 52, 53 similarly as described above for the DSP thread 20, while the control processor 57 uses one or more processes for running the control functions 55 of the components 51, 52, 53 similarly as described above for the control thread 30.--